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Honorable Jan Brewer
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Dear Governor Brewer:

As Chairman of the Public Safety Communications Advisory Commission (PSCC), I am pleased to present our 2009 Annual Report covering Fiscal Year 2009 (FY2009: July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) pursuant to A.R.S. 41-3542. The PSCC works to ensure that Arizona's public safety personnel, at all levels of government and within non-governmental organizations, have access to quality interoperable communication systems, are adequately trained, and utilize such systems effectively in multi-disciplinary, multi-jurisdictional incident response.

In July 2008, the Legislature moved the PSCC to the Arizona Government Information Technology Agency from its prior home at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. The transition was completed on October 2, 2008.

Following the transition, the Commission focused its efforts on a number of key areas, including assessing the current state of interoperable communications within the State; soliciting feedback and input in public forums from all major stakeholders and subject matter experts regarding the issues around interoperability; and re-framing the dialogue around progress and possible directions for the State in the context of the Arizona Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP). Based on those efforts, the PSCC approved a revised set of SCIP strategic initiatives on May 19, 2009.

Attached you will find the 2009 SCIP Implementation Report. Submitted annually to the Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Emergency Communications (OEC), the report is a summary of progress made against the State of Arizona's SCIP. The report details the efforts of the Commission in five key interoperability areas: Governance; Standard Operating Procedures; Technology; Training and Exercise; Usage and Outreach. The revised SCIP strategic initiatives can be found on page 18 of the report. This report, combined with the four quarterly reports submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) covering FY2009, provide a comprehensive view of statewide interoperability as well as a roadmap for continuing to advance communications interoperability in Arizona.

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When our first responders can not talk to one another, lives and property are at risk. We will continue to tirelessly advance efforts in this important area for all Arizonans. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the people of Arizona in advancing public safety communications interoperability. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

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State CIO & GITA Director

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Senator Robert "Bob" Burns, President of the Senate
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